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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence
Deputy Director for Operations

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence


SUBJECT: Improving Political Intelligence

1. As a follow-on to the changes recently made in the direction of divisions and offices in your organizations, I think that now is the time for a renewed effort to improve political intelligence. We need to get more information on senior-level dynamics, politics and policies for

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2. To achieve this, we need a closer and more active liaison between analysts and case officers and reports officers. We have to be sure that the latter know how analysts do their work and the information they need. They must develop among themselves "requirements" on political issues which are less broad and more specific and pointed than the broad categories of information usually specified in boilerplate requirements. They need to search for information and insights from which a sense can be gained of the political dynamics of the country's leadership and its opposition and how they relate.

3. I would like you to put a small group of the right people together from your Directorates to address this need and to figure out how it can be given high priority and concrete form through development of a strategy and helpful guidelines for correction.


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